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AMENDMENT A BEFORE EXAMINATION

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,
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Please enter the following amendments in the above-referenced patent application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

100. A process for the preparation of a product comprising N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine or a salt thereof by oxidizing a reagent comprising N-(phosphonomethyl)iminodiacetic acid or a salt thereof, the process comprising:

continuously contacting an aqueous feed stream comprising said reagent with an oxygen source in a stirred tank reactor of a continuous reactor system and in the presence of a particulate catalyst comprising a particulate carbon support having a noble metal at a surface of the carbon support, thereby producing a product mixture comprising said product;

separating the particulate catalyst from the product mixture by filtration, thereby producing a product filtrate comprising said product; and

isolating said product from the product filtrate.